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IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Title: NETWORK TRANSACTION
PORTAL TO CONTROL
MULTI-SERVICE PROVIDER
TRANSACTIONS

) Art Unit: 2151

) Examiner: H. Phillips

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Honorable Commissioner:

Kindly accept this response to the office action filed April 24, 2008.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of application 09/792,323 filed Feb. 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent number ~~7,xxx,xxx~~ 7,340,506, which was a continuation-in-part of application number 08/879,958 filed June 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent number 5,987,500 which was a divisional of application number 08/700,726 filed Aug. 5, 1996, now U.S. patent number 5,778,178 which was related to and claimed priority from U.S. provisional patent application number 60/006,634 filed Nov. 13, 1995. This application is related to and claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application number 60/206,422 filed May 23, 2000. Applications 09/792,323; 08/879,958; 08/700,726; 60/006,634; and 60/206,422 are hereby incorporated by reference. Patents 5,987,500; 5,778,178, ~~7,xxx,xxx~~ 7,340,506 and sister patent number 6,212,556 are also hereby incorporated by reference.